U.S. Demand for Oil Will Increase in 1979

Findlay, Ohio—(PWS)—If you are following the U.S. oil supply situation, what should you expect for 1979?

According to Edward R. Heydinger, chief economist for Marathon Oil Company, U.S. demand for petroleum products will increase 2.4 percent over 1978, while U.S. oil production will remain fairly constant. Foreign oil imports would need to increase 13.2 percent to make up the projected difference between U.S. demand and supply, he said.

The U.S. demand for petroleum products in 1979 is expected to average about 19.4 million barrels a day, according to Heydinger.

"This increase will be achieved in the face of what we believe will be a slowdown in U.S. economic activity, a faster rate of inflation and a persistently weak dollar in overseas markets," he said.

The rise in demand will be divided almost evenly between transportation needs and heating and industrial applications, with the largest growth in increased use of diesel oil for transportation.

The level of U.S. production of crude oil and natural gas liquids is forecast at 10.2 million barrels a day, down less than one percent from 1978.

Heydinger said the U.S. oil production levels decreasing slightly from 1978, imports of 9.5 million barrels a day would be needed to meet projected 1979 demands. This would be an increase in imports of 13.2 percent over this year. (PWS)

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

St. Patrick's Day comes around Saturday, and it is a great day for the Irish and wearing of the green. For the occasion I have green slacks, a green sweater, and for gardening, wish I had a "green thumb."

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Potatoes should be planted by St. Patrick's Day. At low tide, I walked through my garden spot and became discouraged about an early start. Friends advise me that a few days of sunshine and a bit of wind will make it ready for discing. I believe, but was tempted to call on the Coast Guard or maybe the unsurrended Confederate Navy of the Upper Appomattox River. Or even change plans and try for a ride paddy. But the facts are that trees and shrubs are full of buds and new life. So many reports of an abundance of robins. And Spring or no, a few lawnmowers were in business. Add it up, and after a rough Winter, Nature's signs point to a normal schedule ahead. So mout it be. Appropriately, those who get a new car inspection sticker in March will find that the new one is green in color.

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Appomattox is a Growing Town, and so, too, is our historic County. A short drive around the county and amazed one to see many lovely new homes constructed since my last previous inspection. Makes one proud to live in such a great area, with so many wonderful people.

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Note pad item . . . in the lobby at Lawson Ford there is a 1923 Ford car that looks like new.

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Mrs. John W. Torbert, of Rt. 1, Concord, came by to show Brightleaf and me her collection of interesting items from times past. Included was a group of twelve portrait photographs from the famous Matthew Brady collection. Twelve by 16 inch pictures of Robert E. Lee, U. S. Grant, Lincoln, Walt Whitman, Clara Barton, etc. Most interesting was a collection of clothing, showing fashions of yesteryear. Such as a ladies bathing suit of World War I period, ladies day cap, night cap, sunbonnet, beaded mesh bag, etc. Plus some very old newspapers and documents. Mrs. Torbert is a native of Rhode Island and it is a privilege to have her in Central Virginia. We hope that some day we can have a museum here, where collections may be exhibited.

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Being a New York Yankee fan in baseball, I will take care not to mention that the Yankees lost their first three exhibition games in Spring training. Actually, due to trades and rookie players, it takes a month or more of the regular season for one to settle down to being a knowledgeable fan.

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Spring arrives, officially, next week, and that suggests that a general/Spring Clean-Up should" top the agenda. Incidentally, the highway department plans a lot of secondary road work this year. All Winter we plan the things we hope to do when the weather permits. If you made a list, chances are it is a long one. If, like me, you made no list, just pitch in and do something. After all, Groundhog Days are about over. Those of us who have been hiding it easy over the Winter, might be careful not to overdo strenuous work at the start. Just make everything fine, rest of '79. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Bluegrass-Country Music Show Planned March 30

There will be a Bluegrass-Country Music Show starring the Clark Family and Friends, direct from the TV "Hee Haw" show, on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School auditorium. Also starring on the program will be Shot Jackson and Donna Darlene from the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. A bluegrass band from South Hill, the "Applachian Express," will be featured on the program.

The Clark family and all the other entertainers are coming to Appomattox to do this benefit one-show performance for the Appomattox County High School Boosters organization. All proceeds will go toward purchasing new uniforms for the marching band.

Tickets may be purchased in advance: $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for students, or they may be bought at the door for $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for students.

Local businesses selling advance tickets are the Times-Virginian newspaper and office supplies, American Federal Savings & Loan, Ben Franklin, Farmers National Bank - main office, Fidelity American Bank - Hillcrest Branch, and Appomattox Hardware. Tickets may also be purchased from the band students.

Supervisors Will Seek Grant To Help Construct New Jail

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors decided at its meeting Friday to apply for a $125,000 federal grant that could help construct a new county jail.

At this time the Appomattox jail is at the top of the list of the state's corrections department's list of those not meeting state standards and recent improvements to the kitchen and heating system has not changed that status since the biggest deficiency is space for the prisoners.

The grant the board decided to apply for, very reluctantly, is through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Up to $25,000 of the money, if received, can be used for a feasibility study to determine the best way to bring the facility up to standards.

Renovation seems an unlikely alternative. Sheriff J. E. Richardson said state corrections officials have told him "this jail could not be remodeled up to state standards."

Richardson also noted he was told by the corrections officers last week that "within three months to two years we will get from the state and federal government our final notice to close up."

Martin Watts, criminal justice planner with the Central Virginia Planning District Commission told the board, "one of your decision alternatives coming out of here (the feasibility study) could be the alternative to close."

Watts' presentation helped persuade supervisors to reconsider their earlier decision not to seek the LEAA grant, which the county had applied for unsuccessfully last year.

One of the board's reported previous objections to trying for the grant again, he said, was "not wanting to spend money to get money." Watts said since the application already was prepared for last year's try, "it'd cost the county little or nothing to re-submit it."

Supervisors' other reservation, Watts said, had been on the odds against receiving the grant. "As far as Appomattox County's chances, they're probably as good as anybody's. I can't tell you what the odds are, but you can't lose anything by trying."

If the grant for the feasibility study and $100,000 for construction is approved, Watts explained, the county could file another application for an additional $125,000 in construction money.

He said the board would not be obligated to do anything until it signs an agreement to accept the grant if the application is approved.

"I say move on with it then," said supervisor Otha Martin. "I ain't in favor of it, but I feel like we ought to go on and see what happens."

Others agreed with board chairman Dr. S. R. Lawson saying it may be possible to trim some of the cost in a plan for a new jail developed a long time ago but never implemented.

"But I'll never be in favor," he said, with other board members agreeing, "of raising taxes to build a jail."

In other business, Mrs. Virginia Babcock, Superintendent of the Department of Social Services, requested that the board contact Rep. Dan Daniel to ask assistance in having a Social Security representative be in Appomattox County one day a week.

Citizens in Appomattox County who might have questions or need assistance from the Social Security Board now have to drive either to Lynchburg or Farmville to the Social Security offices at these two cities.

Town Tags Now on Sale

Town motor vehicle tags went on sale March 1st at the Appomattox Town Office The deadline for purchasing your tags is March 31.

You must bring your registration card and town personal property tax receipt with you to purchase town tags.

For the convenience of citizens of the Town of Appomattox, the Town Office will be open Saturday, March 31st, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

County Library Announces New Hours

The Appomattox County Library will be open Saturday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 24th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

This service is being tried at the recommendation of the Advisory Board of Friends of the Library to the Appomattox County School Board to see if there will be enough use of the Library to have the Saturday hours continued.

Registration Planned For Dixie Youth Baseball

Registration for Dixie Youth Baseball for youth in the county will be held Saturday, March 17th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Fidelity American Bank, Hillcrest Branch in Appomattox, at the Oakville School building in Oakville, and at the Pamplin Ball Park in Pamplin.

Pre-School Registration Set

Preschool registration for children who will enter school in September, 1979 will be held at Appomattox Primary School and Pamplin Elementary School on Monday and Tuesday, March 26 and 27, 1979. You may register your child at the school in your attendance area on either date between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The following information is provided to assist you in making preparation for your child to enter school in September, 1979:

1. Your child must have a comprehensive physical examination by a qualified licensed physician, and the report of the examination must be filed with the school the child will attend prior to or at the time of admission; 2. A certificate from a licensed physician certifying that your child has been successfully immunized against communicable diseases must be filed with the school not later than ten days after the beginning of the 1979-80 school session; 3. Children may attend kindergarten during the 1979-80 school session who have reached their fifth birthday on or before December thirty-first of the school year. A parent or guardian enrolling a child who will reach the age of five after September thirtieth and on or before December thirty-first of the school year in a kindergarten program will want to discuss with the school principal the advisability of the child attending kindergarten.

4. Children may be admitted to first grade for the 1979-80 session who have reached their sixth birthday on or before December 31, 1979;

5. The form you received is for your use in reporting the results of the physical examination. This form should be completed and signed by your family physician. The examination report does not have to be presented on the date of registration. However, it should be submitted to the school at your earliest convenience and not later than the beginning date of the 1979-80 school session.

6. To verify your child's age, it will be necessary for you to present at the time of registration, a birth certificate.

Employment of personnel and development of plans for the 1979-80 school session are based on the enrollment of school students. Therefore, it is very important that all children who are eligible to enter kindergarten or first grade next year who are not in school this year register on March 26 or 27.

Cobb Will Not Seek Reelection

J. M. Cobb, Jr., member of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors representing Clover Hill District, has announced that he will not be a candidate for reelection to another term on the board.

Cobb was elected in November of 1975 to serve a four-year term which expires at the end of 1979.

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"Taking the SATS" Mini-Course To Be Offered at ACHS

The Appomattox County High School Guidance and English Departments are offering a six-week mini-course entitled "Taking The SATS" beginning the last week in March.

The course is designed to prepare students to take the verbal and mathematical sections of the Scholastic Aptitude Test necessary for college admissions.

Students and parents should contact the high school Guidance Department for information concerning time, place, course content and cost. The only cost will be a fee of $5.00 which will cover the cost of the test.

Registration must be completed no later than March 16th.

Pamplin School Plans PTA Meeting

Pamplin Elementary School Parent-Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, March 20th, at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be presented by Mrs. Shirley Walton, Extension Agent, on the 4-H program in the school.

On exhibit in the Media Center is "Charles Smith's Zoo." The exhibit is on loan from the Virginia Museum until March 23rd. It includes 19-block paintings of animals in a special monoprint technique developed by this Virginia artist.

The public is invited to view these humerous lively compositions.

County Decals Now on Sale

Appomattox County decals for motor vehicles are now on sale at the Office of the Treasurer of Appomattox County and are due March 31, 1979, according to an announcement by Mrs. Ida H. Campbell, Treasurer.

You MUST bring your state registration card with you before you can buy your decals.

For the convenience of the citizens of the county, the office of the Treasurer will be open Saturday, March 24, and on Saturday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

County Rescue Squad Responds to 40 Calls In Feb.

The volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 40 emergency calls in the month of February. In response to these calls they traveled a total of 2,132 miles and spent 214¼ manhours.

The squad used the EKG machine to monitor four persons en route to the hospital last month. There were also three persons who required oxygen while being taken to the hospital. Members also treated a total of five persons injured in two automobile accidents.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows:

School Board Hears Special Reports

The Appomattox County School Board met on Wednesday, March 7, and heard reports on the preschool handicapped program, basic learning skills, and minimum competencies.

Preschool Handicapped Program

A report was presented to the board by Mrs. Jean Hesson, General Supervisor for the School Division, regarding the pre-school handicapped program. Beginning in 1976-77, students in need of services were identified, and a teacher of the school system was employed to make monthly visits to the homes to work with the children and offer suggestions to parents in working with their children. This program continued during the 1977-78 school session.

During the 1978-79 school session preschool handicapped students have participated in a center based program at the Appomattox Primary School. The school system provides transportation for the children to arrive at the school at 3:45 p.m. Instruction is provided by qualified teachers for one hour twice each week.

Beginning with the 1979-80 school session, a full program of services will be offered at the Appomattox Primary School. Preschool handicapped children will be transported to the school after other children have arrived. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. daily. This arrangement will allow these children to be transported home before regular schools Students are dismissed.

Eight students are anticipated for the program. Conducting program will be a certified teacher and a teacher aide. Funds for conducting the program will come from state and federal sources.

Basic Learning Skills

Mrs. Patricia Torrence, APS Principal, and Mrs. Virginia Goode, APS First Grade Teacher, presented to the board a comprehensive review of basic learning skills and how the schools are implementing this program. It was explained that the school system has always been concerned with basic learning skills. However, more attention has been given to this program during the past two years because of the emphasis at the state level and the specific requirements of the Virginia State Legislature.

During the 1977-78 school session, elementary teachers and principals developed procedures to test students to determine their strengths and weaknesses in basic skills. the tests which were developed locally were administered to students in the fall of 1978. Teachers have used the results of the tests to focus instruction in areas where students appeared to need help.

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It was pointed out that approximately seventy percent of the students master basic learning skills without any difficulty and advance far beyond this level. The other students require more time ot learn the skills.

It is anticipated that student progress in school will continue to improve as school personnel and parents work more closely together to provide the best learning experiences for students. School personnel want parents involved in all phases of the educational program of their children.

Minimum Graduation Skills

At the high school level, students who graduate in 1981 must pass a minimum graduation skills test in order to receive a diploma. What is the school system doing to help students reach this goal? Mr. Don Armentrout, ACHS Principal, Mrs. Estaline McCraw, ACHS English Teacher, and Mrs. Emilia Racer, ACHS Math Teacher answered this question for the board.

In November of 1978, presentenh grade students at Appomattox County High School were administered the State Minimum Competency Tests in reading and mathematics. Seventy-four percent of the students passed the reading test and seventy-eight percent passed the math test.

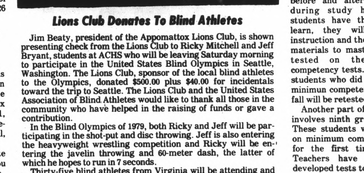
In December the school received a profile sheet on each student showing the areas in which the students are weak and the areas of strength.

With this information the English and math teachers have provided special learning experiences for those tenth grade students who failed the tests. Students have been provided with workbooks and other instructional materials to use as a guide in learning those skills which they have not learned as revealed by the tests. The English and math teachers are giving assistance to the students in classes, before and after school and during study hall. If the students have the desire to learn, they will have the instruction and the appropriate materials to master the skills tested on the minimum competency tests. Tenth grade students who did not pass the minimum competency tests last fall will be retested in April.

Another part of the program involves ninth grade students. These students will be tested on minimum competency tests for the first time in April. Teachers have used locally developed tests to diagnose the weakness of these students and are providing instruction and learning experiences to help ninth grade students be prepared for the state tests when they are administered.

The teachers and principals stated that they are encouraged by the interest and seriousness with which the students are accepting education and minimum competencies in particular. Mastery of the skills included in the program are essential to success in life and students seem to understand this fact.

As with basic learning skills at the elementary school, only twenty to twenty five percent of the students will need additional reinforcement to master the minimum competency skills. All other students will advance far beyond this level. The total school program is designed to take each student to the maximum level of his capabilities. Reaching this goal is very evident in the schools.



Lions Club Donates To Blind Athletes

Jim Beaty, president of the Appomattox Lions Club, is shown presenting check from the Lions Club to Ricky Mitchell and Jeff Bryant, students at ACHS who will be leaving Saturday morning to participate in the United States Blind Olympics in Seattle, Washington. The Lions Club, sponsor of the local blind athletes to the Olympics, donated $500.00 plus $40.00 for incidentals toward the trip to Seattle. The Lions Club and the United States Association of Blind Athletes would like to thank all those in the community who have helped in the raising of funds or gave a contribution.

In the Blind Olympics of 1979, both Ricky and Jeff will be participating in the shot-put and disc throwing. Jeff is also entering the heavyweight wrestling competition and Ricky will be entering the javelin throwing and 60-meter dash, the latter of which he hopes to run in 7 seconds.

Thirty-five blind athletes from Virginia will be attending and they all promise to live up to their motto, "Blind Athletes Are Out of Sight."

RADIO-THON BIG SUCCESS

The American Cancer Society-Thon, held at Appomattox Middle School, was overly successful.

A goal of $500.00 was set and a final count showed over $650.00. The people who gave $5.00 or more received a WHITE HOUSE COOK BOOK.

The Spirit Club members worked shifts on the telephones, at the front tables, and played Bingo. A talent show was held and many teachers and students participated. Drinks were sold and potato chips, cookies, and cakes were served.

The Spirit Club and the American Club Society would like to thank WTTX Radio Station, local merchants, students, parents and friends for making it a successful day.

Revised School Division Calendar

At a regular meeting of the Appomattox County School Board on Wednesday, March 7, 1979, a revised school division calendar was approved for the 1978-79 school session as follows:

Days Missed
January 12, 22
February 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 19, 20

Make-Up Days
January 27
February 17
June 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

End of Six-Weeks Marking Periods
Monday, March 12, 1979
Monday, April 30, 1979
Saturday, June 9, 1979

Graduation
Saturday Nigh, June 9